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First Look

New facility

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new 65th Medical Group logistics warehouse is at 2 p.m., today, in Bldg. T-506. The location is near Bldg. T-561, past the dining facility on the right.

Bowling camp

A three-day camp is open to children 8 and older for \$10. The camp dates for the first session are 9 a.m.-noon, July 28-30 and session two are 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 18-20. The camp is limited to 20 children. The camp will teach children about manual scoring, bowling etiquette, proper ball fit, bowling techniques and pin versus spot bowling. There is a tournament on the third day. For more information and to reserve a spot, call 2-6169 or 2-6210.

Pet contest

Contests ranging from cutest and ugliest dog and cat, to most obedient and strangest pet will be at 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, at the Flight View base exchange. All pets are welcome. The base vet will be available for questions and the Adopt-A-Pet representatives will be present for those looking for a special animal to bring home. Hot dogs, snacks and drinks will also be available. Arrive early to register. For more information, call Catia Sebastiao at 2-4297.

Strong Patriot

The dates for shipping privately owned vehicles have changed. Personnel who wish to ship their POVs on the Aug. 9 Strong Patriot must turn in their orders no later than July 28 to the SDDC Detachment Azores. Likewise all vehicles must be taken to the port no later than July 29. Late paperwork and vehicles will not be accepted. For more information call Kevin Burns at 2-3691.

Preflight

■ Days since last DUI 173
 ■ DUIs since Jan. 1 one
 ■ Current AEF 9&10
 ■ Current FPCON Alpha
 ■ Combat Nighthawk: Capt. Carol West, 65th Medical Support Squadron; 1st Lt. Michael Hartzell, 65th Communications Squadron; Master Sgt. Pete Dixon, 65th Air Base Wing; Master Sgt. Edward Lilly, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Corridor of Pride



Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe Director of Plans and Programs Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley salutes Team Lajes members before he begins his tour of Lajes for the Combat Proud competition inspection Wednesday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

Airmen recognized for leadership

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner
 Crossroads editor

Four Team Lajes members were the winners of the 65th Air Base Wing 2004 Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award.

The annual award recognizes senior and junior officer and enlisted Airmen who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities.

The winners were:

Field Grade officer, Maj. Mike Nelson, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Company Grade officer, Capt. Mike Miley, 65th Communications Squadron; Senior NCO, Master Sgt. Stephen St. Andre, 65th Operations Support Squadron; NCO, Tech. Sgt. Robin Brooks, 65th Medical Support Squadron.

While on a flight over North Vietnam, Captain Sijan ejected from his disabled aircraft and successfully evaded capture for more than six weeks. During this time, he was seriously injured and suffered from shock and extreme weight loss due to lack of food. After being captured by North Vietnamese soldiers, Captain Sijan was taken to a holding point for subsequent transfer to a prisoner of war camp.

In his emaciated and crippled condition, he overpowered one of his guards and crawled into the jungle, only to be recaptured after several hours. He was then transferred to another prison camp where he was kept in solitary confinement and interrogated at length.

During interrogation, he was severely tortured; however, he did not divulge any information to his

captors. Captain Sijan lapsed into delirium and was placed in the care of another prisoner.

During his intermittent periods of consciousness until his death, he never complained of his physical condition and, on several occasions, spoke of future escape attempts.

Captain Sijan's heroism and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the cost of his life are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Air Force and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Armed Forces. He was presented the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

Captain Sijan was the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor.



Capt. Lance P. Sijan was the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor.

Airman Information File

Air Expeditionary Force — Be Prepared

Six years ago the Air Force created Air Expeditionary Force packages to rapidly deploy air and space power anywhere in the world. The AEF concept has proven itself repeatedly during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM — improving predictability and stability while getting our Airmen to the fight.

Despite success with our Air and Space Expeditionary Force, two significant changes were needed to meet the demands of ongoing operations around the world. First, the new baseline deployment for the AEF increased from 90 to 120 days. This provides increased continuity to our deployed commanders who require the steady and stable expertise you bring to the fight.

The second change is to expand the number of Airmen available for AEF deployments. USAFE has already instituted measures to increase our available pool from 83% to 97%.

Today 1,176 USAFE Airmen are deployed in many different AORs from Afghanistan, to Iraq, to Africa while others are executing the fight from home. You are doing a great job and we thank you for your sacrifices. However, the work is not finished — we must continue to press ahead!

Increased predictability and stability for our Airmen are key benefits of the AEF, but only if you take advantage of the time you have. Now is the time to prepare for your next AEF deployment:

Prepare your family. There are many things you can do ahead of time to make deployments less stressful on the family: get your finances in order and maintain up to date family records in a central location, to name a few.

Ensure your training is current. Know what training is required and complete it on time. The last thing you want to do on your way out the door is spend time accomplishing overdue training.

Maintain a high degree of physical fitness. It's tough to deploy and accomplish the mission if you're physically run down or even worse on the sidelines sick. Fit to fight are words to live by.

We are all expeditionary Airmen serving in the world's premier Air Force. AEF is more than a concept; it's our way of life. Be prepared and stay vigilant!



General Doc Foglesong



CMSgt Gary Coleman

Making a difference



Michelle Haynie, daughter of Sharon and Lt. Col. Tim Haynie, picks up trash during the Volksmarch Saturday. Volunteers gathered six bags of trash. The next Volksmarch is scheduled for September. (Photo by Airman Josie Kemp)

Project Connect joins CGOs, FGOs

by Airman Michael Hess
48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England (USAFENS) — Millions of people worldwide use the Internet to obtain information such as stock market quotes or to look for a new car. Now the net can also be used as a tool for junior Air Force officers to seek guidance and counseling from senior Air Force officers.

Project Connect, one of the 14 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Combat and Special Interest Programs, initiated by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAF commander, is used to help company grade officers find senior ranking mentors through a computer-based senior officer profile database.

The mission is achieved when junior officers search the database called mission-driven mentoring. The 48th Fighter Wing senior officers post their career profiles and CGOs choose a suitable mentor and electronically correspond with him or her to initiate a mentoring relationship. The program is a forum for senior and junior officers to meet and exchange ideas.

Instead of assigning mentors, CGOs choose any 48th Fighter Wing field grade officer signed up for the program as their mentor.

The relationship between the mentors

and the mentees is based on interaction designed to enhance the professional development of junior officers on a one-to-one basis through sharing life and career experiences for the benefit of the mentee, said Maj. Scott Ayers, 492nd Fighter Squadron F-15E pilot and Project Connect point of contact here.

The basis for their one-to-one relationship is the time they spend talking with each other, which depends on their schedules and needs. Unless there is a supervisory relationship between the mentor and mentee, it could be difficult for both to take time out of their busy schedules to meet.

"Mentors need to use any opportunity to make time for their mentees. You could meet over lunch, passing in the hall or out on the flightline," said Lt. Col. Charles Potter, 48th Medical Support Squadron commander and mentor to two junior officers. "It is just something that needs to be done, regardless of both of your schedules."

Project Connect is the embodiment in policy of what occurred since before the birth of the Air Force - field grade officers mentoring company grade officers, said Major Ayers.

"Every AFSC has a path to the top; senior officers have taken the path and have been successful," he said. "They may have made some mistakes along the way and

can share that experience with a junior officer."

A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. As the junior officers are just starting their journeys, many of the senior officers who mentor are far over the horizon. Whether down the road or just starting, each side must be diligent in their commitment, otherwise the program will not work.

Together both individuals, should feel equally accountable for fulfilling their roles in making the relationship meaningful and worthwhile.

"It should not be a one-way street," said Colonel Potter. "All company grade officers should have a mentor, someone who they can trust and get good advice from," he said.

The mentoring program was designed on a whole person concept. The goals of Project Connect are not only based on professional development but also in instilling officers with Air Force core values, history and expertise, said Major Ayers.

"None of our Air Force officers should fumble through their career without someone to guide and help them along," said Colonel Potter.

For more information about Project Connect, call the Lajes program manager, Maj. Kristen Nelson at 2- 4115.

First ID for children turning 10

by Staff Sgt Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

The 65th Mission Support Squadron customer service office began a new program this week called My First ID Card for command sponsored children celebrating their 10th birthday.

By adding to a personal birthday card and an Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate children already receive from the 65th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Barbara Jacobi, the program aims to ensure each child remembers the responsibilities that come with holding a military identification card by making it a special event.

"Colonel Jacobi does an excellent job of motivating each child to come in and get their ID card," Maj. Suzanne Wheeler, 65th Mission Support Squadron, said. "Now the entire experience will be special for them."

According to Maj. Wheeler, children will receive some extra

items along with their new IDs to celebrate the Department of Defense's "coming of age" requirement for DOD children stationed overseas.

"After they get their ID, we'll present them with a First ID Card Certificate to mark the occasion along with coupons that AAFES and the 65th Services Squadron have agreed to donate," said Senior Airman Denielle Spain, 65 MSS customer service representative.

Airman Spain said the only requirement to obtain the ID card, is the sponsor must be with the child, but the other parent can be there if they'd like.

"After the child turns 10, the sponsor needs to bring them to the customer services office and we will fill out a DD Form 1172, dependant verification form, for the sponsor to sign," said Airman.

The customer service office is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday and Friday; 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday; and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 2-1343.



Tech. Sgt. Denielle Spain, 65th Mission Support Squadron, takes a picture of Carolyn Haynie, daughter of Sharon and Lt. Col. Tim Haynie. The picture is for Carolyn's first dependent identification card. When children turn 10, they receive their first ID card at the customer service office. (Photo by Airman Josie Kemp)

Lajes Senior NCO convicted of rape and disorderly conduct

by Tech. Sgt. Jill Hudkins
65th Air Base Wing legal office

Master Sgt. Howard D. Chatman, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, was convicted of rape and disorderly conduct after a three-day General Court Martial which ended July 2.

Sergeant Chatman was charged with rape, indecent exposure and disorderly conduct. He pled "not guilty" to all charges. Sergeant Chatman was found guilty of rape and disorderly conduct, and not guilty of indecent exposure. His sentence was: reduction to Airman Basic, confinement for seven years and a dishonorable discharge.

As an enlisted member, Sergeant Chatman requested that his court-martial panel include at least one-third enlisted members. The panel consisted of three officers and four senior NCOs. The decision of guilt or innocence and the sentence, were decided exclusively by the panel.

Exerts from the Manual for Courts Martial

- * Rape is a violation of Art 120, UCMJ
- * Elements of Rape – act of sexual intercourse done by force and without consent
- * Any penetration, however slight is sufficient to complete the offense
- * If victim is intoxicated or otherwise mentally impaired, no consent exists
- * If referred to trial as a capital offense, the UCMJ provides for the death penalty

The maximum punishment for these offenses is confinement for life (without parole), reduction to Airman Basic, a dishonorable discharge and forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Although the court did not adjudge forfeitures, automatic forfeitures took effect 14 days following the adjudged sentence.

A military court-martial is a federal court, and a master sergeant with more than 21 years of active service now has a federal conviction as a sex offender on his resume. The dishonorable discharge can be a bar to voting, owning

a firearm, and obtaining employment.

A court-martial is a public forum. The Lajes Field courtroom was standing room only when the sentence was announced. Courts-martial at Lajes Field are generally not advertised due to the limited spectator seating available, but no one is barred from attendance.

The only exceptions are witnesses who are waiting to testify. In rare cases, where evidence includes classified information or other matters sensitive to national security, a court-martial may be closed.

Friends of the Animals



Alissa Mastronardi, daughter of Staff Sgt. Corey and Tom Kenney, stands next to Tyson Potts, family dog of Monica and Staff Sgt. Bryan Potts, during the 2K Friends of the Animals jog walk, Saturday, at the Chace Fitness Center. The organization helps raise money and food for the animal shelter in Angra, which houses about 50 dogs and a few cats. The organization donates about 20 large bags of food every two weeks. (Photo by Moica Chandler-Potts)

Ready for deployment

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

Now that Lajes members are part of the USAFE team and can expect more deployments, here are some changes to the deployment uniform and tips to help prepare mobility bags.

According to Senior Airman Johanna Kelly, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, the most important change for the Air Force is body protection with a chemical suit, called the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology, which replaces the old battle dress overgarment.

The new chemical suit has an integral hood, high-waist trousers, adjustable suspenders and waistband and a waist-length jacket that improves system comfort for the wearer.

Other improvements include sleeves that have Velcro wrist-closure adjustment tabs and a coat zipper cover flap which is also fastened by Velcro.

Airman Kelly said the new suit reduces heat stress, is compatible with all interfacing equipment, can be worn longer and can be washed.

Unlike the BDO, which can't be washed and can only be worn for three days in an uncontaminated area, the JSLIST can be washed up to six

times and worn up to 45 days in an uncontaminated environment, Airman Kelly said.

Preparing for a deployment includes packing the correct items in the right bags. According to Staff Sgt. Kevin Smith, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, here is a handy reminder:

Deployment Packing List:

A Bag: Field equipment includes mess kit, sleeping bag, bug repellent and canteen

C Bag: chemical gear includes a mask, JSLIST, chemical gloves, canister and M8 paper

Personal Bags: BDU's/ Desert Combat Uniform's, boots, black/brown t-shirts, socks, personal hygiene items

For a more detailed explanation of the Lajes deployment process, refer to the April 2001 Installation Deployment Process Document, and Change 2, September 2002.

Keep in mind that this is the most current, but it will be replaced in the upcoming months with the 65th Air Base Wing Installation Deployment Plan, Sergeant Smith said.

For questions related to the new the uniform, call Airman Kelly at 2-3150.

For issues regarding base deployment, call Captain Marsha Hasberger at 2-3331.



Down Boy

Staff Sgt. Christopher Juvrud (left), and Tech. Sgt. Amaria Diaz (right), both from the 65th Security Forces Squadron, observe military working dog, Blitz, as he simulates catching Col. Michael Silver, 65th Mission Support Group commander. Sergeant Juvrud commands Blitz to bite and hold on while Sergeant Diaz, the kennel master, explains the handler's commands and Blitz's actions. Colonel Silver visited the 65th SFS kennels July 15. Blitz is an 8-year-old German Shepherd trained in patrol and narcotics detection. (Courtesy photo from 65th SFS)

Chief's Sight Picture

Air Force Housing

A commitment to our Airmen

The foundation of our Air Force is our people. Caring for them and their families remains one of our highest priorities. One way we're making good on that commitment is by providing safe and affordable housing. We are committed to providing our Airmen the quality of housing that is commensurate with the society they protect. Through privatization, increases in the basic allowance for housing, and a new dorm standard, we are combating the problems of inadequate housing. There is a myth out there that the new ways of doing business mean that we have abandoned our commitment to ensuring all Air Force members have access to adequate and affordable housing. Let me assure you that nothing is further from the truth.

Secretary Roche and I are committed to ensuring all Air Force members have access to safe, adequate and affordable housing either in the local community or on our installations.

Providing housing options in the local community is our first target. Since 2000, we have reduced the average out of pocket expenses for members from 18.9% of the cost of housing to 3.5% today through annual increases in BAH. We are on track to eliminate these out-of-pocket expenses by next year. These out-of-pocket expenses affect many of the nearly 60 percent of Air Force families who live offbase. Through these increases to BAH, you will have a wider range of affordable housing options in your local community.

We are also aggressively targeting the problem of inadequate housing on base. At the beginning of this fiscal year, there were 40,000 inadequate military family housing units, but we plan to eliminate these through partnerships with private developers and military construction projects. Through a process we call "privatization," we partner with private developers who will build and maintain housing units for Air Force families. These partnership arrangements allow us to provide quality homes more quickly than we can through traditional military constructions.

As of today, we have already built 4,934

new homes through privatization. By 2007, we will have eliminated all inadequate housing units in the CONUS, and two years later, we will have eliminated inadequate units overseas. Secretary Roche and I view the increased use of privatization as key to meeting these goals so we are working with private developers when it makes sense to do so. In cases where privatization is neither feasible nor cost effective, we will use traditional military construction programs. We also tripled our investment in Air Force owned housing and improved the size standards to ensure our on-base homes are comparable in size and quality to modern homes available in the local community.

Although we may use developers to construct, maintain and operate military family housing, we have not outsourced our responsibility for the welfare of our Air Force families. We have been and always will be committed to providing the best available housing options for our members—but our methods for achieving this goal have changed. These new methods provide greater flexibility to satisfy our housing needs. Increases in BAH provide our members greater flexibility to find housing off base. For on-base housing requirements, privatization provides us greater flexibility to build and renovate quality units, while ensuring that the contractors are responsive to the needs of residents. Currently, we have privatized over 6,000 units, and have a very high rate of resident satisfaction. Over the next three years, we plan to privatize a total of 45,000 units. In many cases, the privatized housing is on base property, or just outside the base, making it as convenient as traditional base housing. Privatization is one tool that enables us to provide quality housing to meet your needs.

We are equally committed to providing a quality living environment for our young unaccompanied Airmen. We cur-

rently have a shortage of nearly 2,400 rooms, but we are making great strides in filling that gap. From fiscal year 1996 through this year, we have spent \$1.3 billion in military construction money for new dormitories, and we plan to spend an additional \$735 million over the next five years. With this money, we will eliminate our room deficit and develop an improved room standard called Dorms-4-Airmen.

This improved design provides a larger living/sleeping area and a private bathroom in each room. In addition, the new design improves social interaction by connecting four living/sleeping areas to a large living room and kitchen. Each living room/kitchen area will also have a washer/dryer available to the four occupants. We are also addressing dormitories for technical training. Currently we have a technical training dorm deficit of over 29%, with 40% of our existing technical training dorms having three students in rooms designed for two. However, this deficit will be eliminated by 2009, as we build new dorms each year for the next five years. We have already completed construction of eight new technical training dorms in the last five years and have three new dorms under construction today.

Even as we fight the war on terrorism, we have not lost focus on the importance of quality of life for our Airmen. Providing adequate housing allows Airmen to focus on the mission, knowing that their families have a safe place to live. Ours is the greatest Air Force in the world because of the remarkable people we attract and retain. The old adage that "we recruit individuals, we retain families" has never been more true. I am extremely proud of the progress we have made in our housing program as we strive to make it worthy of the outstanding men and women who make our Air Force the world's best.





COMMENTARY

Visitor shares Azores experience

by Susan Hankey
Contributing writer

Almost every Air Force member has heard the advice, "Don't volunteer for a project unless you can do a good job at it." About a year ago, my fellow Air Force retiree husband, Jack, (retired Air Force F-4 and F-106 pilot) decided to volunteer to help friends sail their 43-foot sailboat across the Atlantic, from Florida to Bermuda to the Azores and beyond. And, although we also live on another sailboat, I volunteered to be the sailboat crew's "logistics lady" who would stay stateside, fly to their destinations and bring them replacement parts and mail when they arrived in various ports.

That's why I flew to Lajes Field a month ago. Since I retired from the Air Force in 1999, Jack and I have either flown or sailed to about a dozen countries in Europe, Central and South America, Africa and the Caribbean. When we travel, we like to squeeze every potential great experience out of every visit. During our visit to the Azores, we toured four islands: Terceira, Faial, Pico and Sao Miguel. We have been so impressed with the Azores that we plan to return for a longer visit someday.

But before I depart, here are a few traveler's notes that I hope will inspire some of you to consider taking leave on Terceira's sister islands, which each have their own personalities that are well worth exploring.

Jack and the sailboat's owners departed Bermuda and sailed for 15 days before they reached their first Azorean island, Flores. Communicating by Ham radio, Jack wrote via e-mail that Flores is indeed an island of flowers. "The flowers here are fantastic, and Flores reminds me of Maui in Hawaii with its steep cliffs that drop to the water and lots of lush greenery with palm trees and ferns. Flores is the best of the lot with spectacular waterfalls and scenery," he said. Just coming off a transatlantic passage with storms and a few days of 20-foot seas, Jack was pleased to report the Azores has an overabundance of excellent Portuguese wine and beer that he needed to sample.

Next, the boat's crew pulled up the anchor and headed east to the island of Faial and the major port city of Horta.

Jack flew from Horta to Lajes and we explored the base and Terceira by rental car. Equipped with a great island and city map, a compass and a few phrases in Portuguese, we drove all the way around the island, stopping at the winery, a port town for lunch and were back to the base before sunset.

Next, we flew to Horta on the island of Faial. This large, historic city has an extensive marina filled with hundreds of sailboats arriving from a variety of home ports worldwide. To commemorate each boat's arrival in Horta, thousands of crews

have painted poster-size artwork on the harbor's seawalls and sidewalks. Along with every major city in the Azores, Horta has a marina with a snack bar that sells ice cream, sandwiches and drinks. Another "must see" in Horta is the historical museum and Pete's Cafe's own whaling museum.

Directly across from the city of Horta on Faial is the Azores' largest island, Pico, with the highest Portuguese mountain at 7,713 feet. This volcanic mountain reminded me of a smaller scale Mount Fuji and it often hides behind a blanket of clouds. The ferry travels between Faial and Pico runs several times a day, taking about 15 minutes each way. As soon as we arrived on Pico, we opted to take a morning ferry and paid a local taxi driver, who spoke excellent English, to give us a four-hour tour (total cost: about 40 euros for all four of us), including a visit to the local whalers museum, Museu dos Baleiros, in Lajes do Pico and the wine museum, Museu do Vinho. We took the late afternoon ferry back, but there is another ferry at 10:30 p.m. for those who want to stay on Pico for dinner.

Back in Horta, we rented a car for a day trip around the island. Luckily, we picked a sunny day and headed to Faial's highest point, the caldeira. Every turn in the road was filled with breathtaking views of lush pastures lined with blue and purple hydrangeas that were often interspersed with pink roses. At the top we reached a tiny parking lot with a few cars and a small path to a tunnel. Walking through the tunnel we emerged to see the awe inspiring mouth of a dormant volcano. Jack was so impressed and enthralled with the view that when he stepped back to take a photo, he stepped into a freshly minted cow pie, compliments of the cow standing 10 feet up the hill.

Yep, that's cows in these here hills! We saw cows on virtually every hillside on every island. And cows remind me of the fabulous food of the Azores. In all of our world travels we've learned that car rental people and museum staffs give us great recommendations for places for lunch and dinner. Once we were told to drive to the next town, turn down by the fishing boats and there was a small tavern with no sign outside. It was run by Pedro. Sure enough, we found it and had the most delicious lunch. Our only complaint is that the portions are fit for a giant! After about three weeks here, we finally resorted to ordering one lunch for the two of us and share it. Since we are watching our waistlines, every server happily substituted more salad in place of the potatoes and rice.

Our next destination was the eastern-most island of Sao Miguel and the port of Ponta Delgada. To reach it, we sailed the 100-plus miles, starting a dawn, sailing overnight and arriving at about 10 a.m. the

following morning. Again, we rented a car and were again lucky to have two clear days that gave us breathtaking views of the two volcanos. In reality, we rented a car that gave up the ghost at the top of the first volcano. No sooner had we arrived at the first volcano than we heard a loud hissing sound started from under the car's hood. At first, I thought the engine was on fire. But then, I realized it was steam. We were about 30 minutes away from the city and, although we had altitude, we knew we could not drive all the way back.

So, we coasted down the mountain and only started the car when we got to the main road and turned into the first farmhouse driveway. The farmer's wife gave us the garden hose and we filled the radiator and drove to the closest garage. An hour later, while we were having lunch at a very nice restaurant, the rental car company sent a repairman who arrived. He had come equipped with a very large jerry can of water so he could stop and refill the radiator on his way back to town. He gave us his car to drive back to town later that afternoon.

Sao Miguel's town of Furnas is a "must see" for anyone visiting the Azores.

First, on the way to Furnas, the view of the park lake with the late-Victorian era chapel is captivating. Second, local restaurants offer an unusual meal that is cooked in the steaming thermal springs. It includes, pork, chicken, yams, kale, sausages (both regular and blood sausage) and rice all cooked in a large container that is immersed in the volcano's steam which gives it a unique flavor. And finally, the park called Terra Nostra, with 3,000 varieties of flowers, ferns and other plants, is one of the most splendid gardens we have ever seen, and it is well worth the \$3 Euros admission price. Do not forget your camera. The rest of the trek around the eastern end of island is filled with hairpin turns and thousand-foot cliffs, and a mill with a waterfall, a pond and a few swans too boot!

With all these attractions do you think we could have been surprised by anything more fascinating than learning that the Azores has thousands of cows, or steaming volcanoes? The answer is that Jack thinks that the Azores grows pineapples that are every bit as sweet as the ones from Hawaii. So, next time you see Ananas (pineapple) on a local menu, try it!

So, if you ask me which I would prefer: fighting the crowds in lines at the European train stations and airports during my next vacation or renting a B&B room overlooking the Atlantic on a remote beach on an Azorean island, can the choice be simpler? No jet lag, no crowds, friendly neighbors, good food, great views and weather...the Azores wins hands down!

Fala Português? Do You Speak Portuguese?

If not, here's your chance to learn some useful host nation phrases

It's a pleasure to meet you!

My name is ...

Where's the restroom?

Where's the bullfight?

Where's the Festival?

Where's the Post Office?

How much?

Where is the bank?

What can I do for you?

May I have the bill? / Check please!

E um prazer conhece-lo (la)!

O meu nome é ...

Onde fica a casa de banho?

Onde é a tourada?

Onde é a festa?

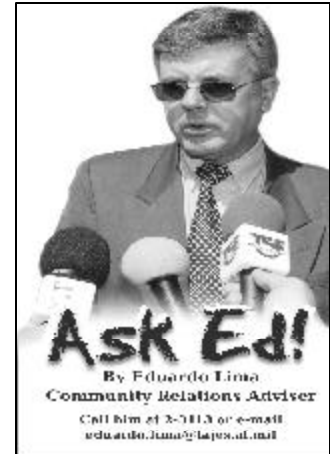
Onde fica o Correio?

Quanto custa?

Onde fica o banco?

Em que posso ser-lhe útil?

A conta por favor!



This month in Lajes history ...

July 1, 1955: The 501st Transportation Port Battalion was redesignated as the 7279th Government Unit Transportation Terminal Detachment. Today, the Azores Detachment of the 598th Transportation Group (US Army), Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command performs that mission at what is now the longest continually running port operation in the US Army – 54 years and counting.

Jul-Aug 1958: U.S. peace efforts in Lebanon were taking place. Billeting handled 1,890 additional troops and had to set up 271 beds in the Services Club to accommodate the excess number of personnel. In the spring of 1958, opposition to Lebanon's President Camille Chamoun's pro-Western policies and his acceptance of U.S. aid under the Eisenhower Doctrine erupted in rioting in Tripoli, Beirut, and elsewhere. The rioting grew into full-scale rebellion, and

Chamoun called on President Eisenhower to send in U.S. forces to help Dwight D. stabilize the situation. By autumn U.S. forces had left the country.

July 31, 1959: First Issue of the new station newspaper was published as a monthly and named "CROSSROADS COURIER."

July 22, 1974: The first color television program was broadcast here at Lajes Field on American Forces Radio and Television Service, Channel 8. The show was a replay of the previous Monday night's baseball game.

July 15, 1978: Three weather observers recorded the first officially confirmed tornado in the history of Lajes Field. They sighted a funnel cloud touching down on the top of Praia Ridge to the west of the base. No damage was reported from the tornado or the accompanying storm.

July 15, 1981: The Lajes Field Gymnasium was redesignated the Carlton Chace Gymnasium in honor of Master Sgt. Carlton Chace.

July 1, 1986: The 1605th Mission Support Squadron was activated. The Air Force initiated the mission support squadron concept as a test program to consolidate several staff agencies under one commander.

July 1, 1992: The 65th Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Squadron activated combining the 65th Services Squadron and the 65th Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Division missions.

July 1, 1994: The 650th Airlift Support Squadron was redesignated the 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron of the 621st Air Mobility Support Group, Air Mobility Command. It is now known as the 729th Air Mobility Squadron.



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Airman earns spot on Olympic team

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Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — First Lt. James Parker, an Air Force world-class athlete from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic track and field team July 12 with a hammer throw of 254 feet, 6 inches.

"I came into the Air Force to serve my country," said Lieutenant Parker, who has been throwing the hammer for 10 years. "To represent the Air Force and the country on the athletic side is ... the biggest honor of my life."

In the preliminaries of the U.S. Olympic track and field trials in Sacramento, Calif., on July 10, each of the 24 competitors was allowed three throws to determine advancement to the finals. People who throw farther than 236-3 are automatically qualified for the finals.

Lieutenant Parker said he had a "mental edge" on the other athletes going into the competition because he had farther marks than the others and was favored to

make the team.

He said he also felt a lot of pressure because he witnessed several other favored athletes not make the team.

"On the day, you never know what will happen," Lieutenant Parker said. "It really was a nerve-racking situation."

As the last competitor to throw in the first round, Lieutenant Parker stepped into the circle and tossed a 240-3, the longest throw of the day. He then sat back and analyzed his competition for the finals.

In the first round of the finals, the lieutenant established the benchmark of 245-1 on his first throw and increased it to 251-4 on his final throw of the round.

During the final round, Lieutenant Parker tossed his best throw of the day, 254-6. Winning this event and his 259-10 throw during a meet at Brigham Young University on June 26 placed Lieutenant Parker on this year's Olympic team. (Information provided by Air Force Services Agency)



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — First Lt. James Parker, an Air Force world-class athlete from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic track and field team July 12 with a hammer throw of 254 feet, 6 inches. (Courtesy photo)

Sports Briefs

Swim classes

The August's swim class schedule is out. For more information, call Victor Silva at 2-4140.

Soccer leagues

Registration for youth soccer leagues for ages 5-18 is at the youth center. The season will last Aug.-Oct. and costs \$25 for members. Volunteer coaches and officials are needed. For more information, call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197.

Cheerleading camps

USAFE will sponsor a youth cheerleading camp Aug. 16-20. Younger athletes will meet at 9 a.m.-noon, and ages 12 and up will meet at 1-4 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197.

Fitlinxx

All military members are reminded to log in their workout, at <http://lajes.fitlinxx.com>

Water aerobics

The base pool offers water aerobics 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Class is free for military and pool pass holders, all others pay the daily fee. Minimum age to participate is 14 years old. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

Sea kayak instructor

Outdoor recreation is looking for certified Sea Kayak instructors. If interested, call 2-4140.

Boat rentals

The Island Breeze boat rental season runs through Sept. 5 at the TTU port. Fifty horsepower Zodiacs are \$20 per hour, gas included. Sea kayaks are \$4 per hour and paddle boats are \$5 per hour. Hours of operation will be noon-5 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays, U.S. holidays and Friday family days. A boating safety certification must be obtained prior to renting the Zodiacs at www.boat-ed.com; use the internet version of the Rhode Island test. For more information, call 2-4140.

Karate

The Lajes youth center holds karate classes from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays and 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays for children ages 6-18. For more information, call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197 or sign up at the youth center.

Hours of Operation

Pool hours: Through Sept. 5

Lap swim: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., open swim: 1-7 p.m., Mon., Wed.-Fri.; noon-7 p.m., Sat.; noon-6 p.m., Sun.

Hillside Lanes: 4-11 p.m., Tue.; 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Wed.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Fri.-Sat.; 2-9:30 p.m., Sun.

Skating Rink/Skate Park: (On alternating weekends) 7-11 p.m., Fri.-Sat.



Bowling reward

Father Stan Pieczara (left) and Rich Christie (right) present an American theme bowling pin to Cherie Patti Tuesday at her office in Bldg. T-100. Father Stan drew her name as the June winner for the Stars and Strikes Bowling promotion going on through the end of August at Hillside Lanes. The July prize is an American theme bowling ball, the August prize is an Eagle ball and bag, and in September, the grand prize is \$500. To participate in the contest, just go bowling. For more information, call 2-6169 or 2-6210. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

AFPC officer cycles to Olympic trials

by Tech. Sgt. James
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AFPC Public Affairs

Maj. Eric Obergfell knows the meaning of sacrifice as he rises daily before sunrise to ride his sleek, precision engineered bicycle to work. His days often end after dark with the return ride home as he chases his dream of being one of the best military cyclists.

Major Obergfell recently qualified as the lone active-duty Air Force member of the U.S. Armed Forces cycling team and competed in the Olympic trials at Redlands, Calif., on June 19. At stake for the winner of the race was a berth on the Olympic cycling team.

"I'm happy to have competed at this level and be allowed to follow my dreams," said Major Obergfell, a contracting assignments officer.

The Olympic trials course measured more than 189 kilometers, with more than 12,000 feet of climbing interspersed throughout the race. The major began as one of 94 cyclists, but was not one of the 35 cyclists to finish the race.

"After the winning selection was made the race organizers eliminated the rest of the competitors that were out of contention to win. Unfortunately, I was not in the winning selection and was disappointed, but I know I



Major Eric Obergfell (front) takes a corner during a race in Fort Worth, Texas, earlier this year. (Courtesy photo)

gave it my all, that is what I was there to do," he said.

The race completed a full week of distance racing for the major. He competed in the U.S. Elite National Champions race, which also crowned the top military road race champion on June 16. Major Obergfell managed a fifth-place finish out of nine military riders, and 45th place overall.

"A five-hour race, like this one, requires riders to be smart in how they expend energy and refuel their bodies. That awareness contributed to my significant improvement from last year and should help me turn in a podium performance next year," said the major.

The following day he participated in the time trial portion of the

national championship and claimed a sixth-place military finish over the 48-kilometer course.

To excel at this level of competition requires a great deal of training time. Most successful military athletes qualify for and train under the World Class Athlete Program, a Department of Defense approved program which allows top-notch athletes the opportunity to compete while representing their respective U.S. military departments at prestigious athletic events.

In the case of Major Obergfell and many other military athletes, duty comes first. Weekends and leave time provide the opportunities to compete, but any training must be managed around work schedules.

"Getting adequate rest and recovery time is probably my biggest challenge. In a demanding job as an assignments officer, I have a more than full-time job so there is no rest at work. I usually fit my training in by cycling 44 miles each day to and from work, often leaving home in the dark," he said. "However, I couldn't begin to make this all work without the understanding and assistance from the people I work with. They have been awesome during this entire experience."

The major's commitment to go the distance has caught the eye of his co-workers.

"Working as a contracting assignments officer is a time intensive position, because of that it's amazing what Eric has accomplished as an Air Force cyclist," said Lt. Col. Anthony Amadeo, acquisition assignments branch chief. "He's the kind of officer who is 100-percent focused, whether it's on his duties or preparing for his next race. We are fortunate to have him at AFPC."

Now in his 10th year competing in amateur cycling, Major Obergfell credited his family for helping him remain competitive.

"For working athletes with families like me it is difficult to have the focus to push beyond and suffer the pain it takes to win. But, I've had exceptional support from my wife, Tina, and our families," he said. "My next goal is to win a U.S. military championship race. With their help, I'm ready to do whatever it takes to achieve that."

PLANNER

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AAFES

Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Tue., Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Sat.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat.

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.-Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Sat.

Lajes services

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m., Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Wed., Fri.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-midnight, Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7

p.m., Sat.-Sun.

Library: 4-9 p.m., Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun.

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m., Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri.-Sat.

Thrift Shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Mon. and Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri. and 1st Saturday of the month.

Vet Clinic: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; noon-6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Wed.; 2-8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wed.

Youth and teen center: 3-6 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight, Fri.-Sat.

Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Thu.; 7 a.m.-1 a.m., Fri.-Sat.; 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun.

Dining hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., dinner 4-7 p.m., midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri., 11 p.m.-1 a.m., Sat.; Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., supper 4-7 p.m., Sat.-Sun.

Oceanview Island Grill: 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Sun. Lunch specials:

Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" pizza w/ 2 toppings; Wed., Fried shrimp; Thu., 16" pizza w/1 topping or taco salad; Fri., Lasagna. Specials come with fries or salad, and a drink. Pizza specials only come with drinks.

Top of the Rock club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m., Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets and specials: Mon., Southern buffet; Tue., Mexican buffet; Wed., Italian buffet, family dinner buffet; Thu., Oriental buffet, 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, Prime & Wine dinner; Huff & Fin dinner special.

Chapel services

Adoration and rosary: 3 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5:40 p.m., Sun.

Mass: 5 p.m., Sun.-Fri.

Meditation and prayer: 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

Monday

Protestant women's spiritual fitness training, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Catholic Women of the Chapel, 7 p.m., 3rd Tuesday

Wednesday

Men's spiritual fitness training/lunch, noon; Working women's spiritual fitness training/lunch, noon; Catholic Men of the Chapel, 6 p.m., 2nd Wednesday; Traditional choir practice, 6 p.m.; Bell choir practice, 7 p.m.; Catholic choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday

Gospel Praise Team practice, 7 p.m.; Men's spiritual fitness training, 7 p.m.

Friday

CWOC Mass, 5:30 p.m., 1st Fri.; Gospel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.; Teen Movie Night, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Mass, 10 a.m.

Sunday

Traditional Protestant service, 9 a.m.; Confessions, 9:45 a.m.; Traditional Protestant fellowship, 10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Gospel service & fellowship, noon; Catholic youth organization, noon; Catholic choir rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Rosary and adoration, 5:40 p.m.; Protestant Youth/Teens of the Chapel, 6:15 p.m.



Today, 7 p.m.: "Shrek 2," Rated PG for crude humor, a brief substance reference and some suggestive content, 93 minutes. Character voices include Michael Myers and Eddie Murphy. Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon to find Fiona's parents inviting them to dinner. Fiona's parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law. Shrek now faces his greatest challenge: the in-laws! 10 p.m.: "Shrek 2."

Saturday, 7 p.m.: "The Day After Tomorrow," Rated PG-13 for intense situations of peril, 124 minutes. Cast includes Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal. A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors flee the south, Professor Adrian Hall heads to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive.

Sunday, 2 p.m.: "Shrek 2." 7 p.m.: "Raising Helen," Rated PG-13 for thematic issues involving teens, 119 minutes. Cast includes Kate Hudson and John Corbett. Helen is living the life she always dreamed of. Her career is on the rise; she spends her days at fashion shows and nights at the hottest clubs. But her carefree lifestyle comes to a screeching halt when her sister and brother-in-law are killed in a car crash, leaving her to care for their three kids.

Tuesday, 7 p.m.: "Shrek 2."

Wednesday, 7 p.m.: "The Day After Tomorrow."

Thursday, 2 p.m.: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," Rated PG for frightening moments, creature violence and mild language, 142 minutes. Cast includes Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint. A dangerous mass murderer, Sirius Black, has escaped the Azkaban Fortress and there's only one thing he wants: Harry. While learning to cope with the Dementors sent to protect Hogwarts, school of witchcraft and wizardry, Harry learns the disturbing story of Sirius Black and yet more of his own history. 7 p.m.: "Raising Helen."

For information about the movie schedule, call the base theater at 2-3302.

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

AFN-Sports

MLB: Texas Rangers @ Oakland Athletics, 7 p.m.
Outdoors: 2004 ESPN Great Outdoor Highlights, 10 pm.
AFN-Pacific
Boxing: Defigabon vs. Oleg, 6 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Pacific.

Motocross: AMA Motorcross (125cc) (New Berlin, NY), 9 a.m.
MLB: Atlanta Braves @ NY Mets

AFN-Sports

Cycling: 2004 Tour De France—Stage 19, 9:30 a.m.
MLB: San Francisco Giants @ St. Louis Cardinals, noon
NASCAR: Busch Series, Siemens 200 (New Hampshire International Speedway), 3 p.m.
Boxing: World Championship Light Welterweight Title bout—Gatti vs Dorin, 6:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

Boxing: Defigabon vs. Oleg,

noon

MLB: NY Yankees @ Boston Red Sox, 2 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports

Cycling: 2004 Tour de France- Stage 20 (final stage), 6 a.m.
MLB: Milwaukee Brewers @ Houston Astros, 11 a.m.
Horse Racing: Eddie Read Handicap (Del Mar, CA), 2 p.m.
MLB: NY Yankee @ Boston Red Sox, 5 p.m.
MLB: 2004 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies (Cooperstown, NY), 9:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Tampa Bay Devil Rays @ Toronto Blue Jays, noon
MLB: Texas Rangers @ Oakland Athletics, 3 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NASCAR: Nextel Cup Series—Siemens 300 (New Hampshire International Speedway), 11 a.m.

EVENTS

The deadline for Crossroads ads is one week out, or the Friday prior to the paper date. Submit announcements weekly in normal text with the what, when, where, who, why and contact info in an e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

Bullfights

Saturday: 6 p.m., Estrada 25 de Abril; 6:30 p.m., Terreiro, Porto Judeu; 9:30 p.m., Arena Bullfight in Angra's bullring

Sunday: 6 p.m., Estrada 25 de Abril; 6:30 p.m., Largo Santo Antonio, Porto Judeu; 6:30 p.m., Raminho; 6:30 p.m., Street by Modelo Store in Angra

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m., Largo da Fonte, São Sebastião; 6:30 p.m., Fontinhas

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Fontinhas

Thursday: 6:30 p.m., Santo Antonio, Fontinhas

July 30: 6:30 p.m., Largo da Fonte, São Sebastião

Closures/shifts

MSS closure: All 65th Mission Support Squadron flights will be closed from noon-5 p.m., today, for an official function. This includes the military personnel flight, civilian personnel office, family support center, education center and American Red Cross. For emergencies during that time, call 967-916-845.

Sponsorship training: Training for the month of July has been rescheduled for 10-11 a.m., Wednesday at the family support center. For more information, call Lauren Jackson at 2-4138.

Hidden Hero: The Hidden Hero Working Group/VAC meeting has been rescheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday in the family support center. For more information, call Lauren Jackson at 2-4138.

New Car Sales: New hours of operation will begin on Saturday. They are: noon-8 p.m., Thurs-Sat; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue-Wed. For more information, call Lee Brothers at 2-3173.

Education Center

Education week: The education center offers Advanced Education Week Aug 2-6. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

Graduate course: Theoretical Foundations in Human Relations, a core course in the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree, will be held Sept. 14-19. Last day to enroll/drop this course is Aug. 16. For more information, call Kalina Hill 2-3171.

ERAU online: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is holding registration for the Aug. 15 undergraduate distance learning term through Thursday. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

Classes

Chess: Free classes are 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays at the community activities center beginning June 12. Ages 6 years and up are welcome. To sign

up, call the CAC at 2-4135.

Couples communication: A six week relationship enhancement class designed to help couples preserve a lasting love and prevent divorce is 3-5 p.m., every Wednesday until Aug. 18, in the conference room in Bldg. T-416. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mark Gama at 2-3457.

Alcoholics Anonymous: There is an AA support group meeting off base at 19 Rua Correio de Lima in Praia, 8:30 p.m., on Wednesdays at the Parochial Center behind the main Praia church, near the post office. In Angra they meet at 8 p.m., Thursdays, at the Parish of Sao Pedro on the side of the church on Rua Sao Pedro. Meetings are in Portuguese but there are English speaking members. For more information, call 295-217-830.

Heartlink: Play games, win prizes and learn what being a military spouse is all about at Heartlink, 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., Thursday, in the family support center classroom. Enjoy a Portuguese chicken alcastra lunch and have fun. If childcare is needed, the active duty member can get a pass to stay home and care for their children. To sign up, call 2-4138.

First aid: A first aid and CPR class is at 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday at the American Red Cross office. For more information, call Melissa Gibson at 2-3516.

Events

Inventory Sale: A huge inventory reduction sale ends at 3 p.m., today, in Building T-144. Furniture and appliances of all types are for sale. All items are in good to excellent condition and are available to all base personnel. It is cash and carry only. For more information, call 2-1319.

Children and youth movie night: 7 p.m., today, at the base chapel. For more information, call (Capt.) Matthew Franke at 2-4211.

5K Fun Run: 3 p.m., today, at the fitness center. Participants should show 30 minutes prior to the run. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kevin Garner at 2-5151.

Paintball games: Paintball games are from 10-2 p.m., Saturday. Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 with own equipment. Includes transportation, Co2 and full face mask. A minimum of 8 and maximum of 25 participants can play, ages 16 and above. For more information call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

Fishing trips: Boat trips are from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday. Cost is \$65 per person. A minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 people, ages 8 and above can participate. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information call 2-4140.

Dolphin watching: Trips aboard the Catamaran "Tango" go out from 8-11 a.m., Sunday, July 31. Cost is \$45 per person. A minimum of 6 and maximum of 9 people, ages 5 and above can participate. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

Singles dinner/game night: 7

p.m., Saturday, at the base chapel. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke at 2-4211.

Cave exploring: A cave exploration trip leaves outdoor recreation at 9 a.m., Saturday. Cost is \$12 per adult and \$15 for children 12 and under. A minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 people, ages 8 and above can participate. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information, call 2-4140.

Pet contest: Contests ranging from Cutest and ugliest dog and cat, to most obedient pet and strangest pet will be at 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, at the Flight View base extra. All pets are welcome. The base vet will be available for questions and the Adopt-A-Pet pet program will be present for those looking for a special animal to bring home. Hot dogs, snacks and drinks will also be available. Arrive early to register. For more information, call Catia Sebastiao at 2-4297.

Skateboard/roller blade camp: A USAF youth skateboard and roller blading camp is at Lajes from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday-July 30, at the base skating rink. Lajes' youth, ages 10-18, will learn new techniques and skating safety from professional skateboard and roller blading experience from the U.S. and Belgium. Camp is for all DOD and local national employees of the 65th Air Base Wing dependents. Cost of the camp is \$5 per child. To sign-up visit the Lajes youth center. For more information, call Melvin Moore at 2-3273.

Youth bowling camp: A summer bowling camp that covers manual scoring, bowling etiquette, proper ball fit, bowling technique and pin vs. spot bowling will have two sessions each ending in a tournament. Session one begins at 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday-July 30, and session two begins at 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 18-20, at the base bowling alley, for ages 8 and up. A maximum of 20 children per session can participate. Cost is \$10 per child per session. For more information or to sign up, call 2-6169 or 2-6210.

Singles activity: Enjoy lunch, Bible study and bowling at noon, July 31, at the base chapel. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke at 2-4211.

Pet adoptions: The Lajes Veterinary Clinic now has kittens and puppies available for adoption. Adoption includes a waiver of some veterinary fees. Photos are posted in the public folders and at the clinic. For more information, call 2-3134 or 2-4220.

Reading program: Children can read books, go online and take tests to earn points and win prizes for the Read by Mail Summer reading program. All general membership and school age program children are registered. Visit www.bookadventure.org to see what prizes are available. For more information, call Ruth Hinojosa at 2-1197.

Jungle Book auditions: The Missoula Children's Theatre will have an open audition from 2-5 p.m., Aug. 9, at the community center, Bldg. T-307, for a cast of 50-60 local students, grades 1-12, to perform in this year's production of the "Jungle Book". The show will be rehearsed throughout the week ending in two public performances at 3 and 7 p.m., Aug. 14, at

the community center. For more information, call the youth center at 2-1197.

Volunteers/jobs

CTC job: Central Texas College is looking for instructors for their Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Professions, Emergency Medical Technology, Fire Science, and Food Service Management programs. Central Texas College office hours are 8 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday. For more information, contact Kimberly Henne at the Education Center at 2-3355.

UMUC job: The University of Maryland is looking for a computer instructor for Term 1, Aug. 9 - Oct. 15. Applicants must hold a Master's Degree in computers. For more information, call Kimberly Holzer or Ana Furk at 2-4187.

Creative job: AAFES is seeking a highly motivated person with a creative flair for the position of visual merchandiser. Applications are accepted from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon.-Fri. in Bldg. T-800. For more information, call Nelia Faria at 2-3634.

Theater positions: AAFES is now accepting applications for a theater supervisor and projectionist. Applications are being accepted 8 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. at building T-800. For more information, call 2-3634.

Red Cross: The American Red Cross is looking for a Health & Safety Chairman. This is a volunteer position requiring about 2-4 hours weekly. Duties include directing and scheduling CPR/First Aid classes, preparing publicity items, and attending monthly volunteer board meetings. For more information and to apply, call the ARC at 2-3516 or visit the office at Bldg. T-112.

NAF jobs: The following Non-appropriated funds positions are open. Outdoor recreation: recreation aid - lifeguard, cashier/checker; Youth center: youth recreation aid, school age program assistant; Central warehouse: supply technician; Child development center: child development program assistant; Atlantic Island Kennels: animal caretaker; Sun and Sand Hut/ community center: recreation aid.

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. today.

Must Sell: Matching wheeled bookshelves/entertainment center/coffee table-\$250, 29" TV/VCR-\$375, DVD player-\$50, orange recliner-\$25, Sec. desk/sawing table-\$50, 3 large bookshelves-\$60 each, crib-\$25, toddler bed-\$20, Eversauer-\$20, laser printer-\$50, 15" color monitor-\$25, Amway 19-piece cookware set-\$250, microwave-\$150, Cuisinart food processor-\$150, bread maker-\$100, toaster-\$20, ice cream maker-\$30, electric fry pan-\$30. Prices negotiable. Call Danyelle or Dan at 295-513-060.

For Sale: Whirlpool dehumidifier brand new in box, never opened-\$140. Call Kevin or Sarah Kite at 2-3497 or 295-549-605.